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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but was overall steady at best. Retail and food service demand was seasonally slow to moderate, best for more traditional holiday meat items such as turkeys and hams. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to ample; floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was mostly light to fair. Breast items and wings were adequate to readily available, and dark meat was in the longest position with discounts to help move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .50 cents to 72.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.50 cents last year on November 17, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	149.50
BREASTS - B/S	122.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	67.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	106.50
LEG QUARTERS	38.00
WINGS	80.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was typically seasonal and limited to regular commitments while other meat items received best interest for upcoming holiday needs. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for light trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair. Breast items were sufficient, wings were readily available, and dark meat was at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and selective as dealers look to more traditional holiday items. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate for the seasonal slow interest. Retail and distributive movement was often light. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were adequate, bone-in breasts were fully sufficient, tenders were fully sufficient to ample. Thigh meat, drums, and thighs were available and slow to clear. Wings were at least adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady, occasionally barely steady. Offerings and trade call was light. Distributors and buyers, for the most part, were focused on placement of seasonal holiday items. Fill-in prices on 3 up wogs noted into the Chicago area at 47 cents. All outlets noted slow to moderate demand, best interest on holiday advertisements. Floor stocks were mostly in balance with desirable weights. Parts offerings were light to heavy with dark meat items shown the most often and sharply discounted. The market tone was steady to barely steady on wings and breast cuts, and barely steady to weak on the balance.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was about steady. Offerings were generally ample to cover current needs. Buyers' interest was seasonally light. Retailer demand was only fair. Floor stocks at least adequate. The market tone was steady to weak on parts with dark meat items in the weakest position.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 12, 2005. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## BROILER CHICKS UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 12, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through November 12, 2005 were 7.84 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 11/12/05	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	210,015	207,845	+01
CHICKS PLACED	164,991	161,853	+02

Source: USDA, NASS

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 24-Dec-05 is estimated at 151.9 million head. This compares to 154.2 million head the previous week and to 152.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 126.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 68.26 cents per pound.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	695	88.00-140.00	92-96	98.37
TENDERLOINS	163	89.00-162.00	-	95.80
BREAST - LINE RUN	161	65.00-74.00	68-70	69.55
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	208	32.00-68.00	33-35	35.12
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	565	20.00-35.00	-	25.74
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	930	22.00-36.00	-	25.90
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	75.00-92.00	78-83	79.71
WINGS (CUT)	290	90.00-96.00	93-95	94.41
DRUMSTICKS	108	32.00-68.00	-	36.15
THIGHS	41	30.00-68.00	-	33.31
B/S THIGHS	48	95.00-130.00	-	98.96

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	683	90.00-155.00	92-96	99.58
TENDERLOINS	253	89.00-162.00	90-94	95.16
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	241	32.00-68.00	33-35	33.78
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	589	22.00-35.00	26-27	26.71
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	890	23.00-36.00	28-29	27.42
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	74.00-83.00	78-79	78.94
WINGS (CUT)	285	90.00-96.00	92-95	94.11
DRUMSTICKS	67	34.00-68.00	-	37.22
THIGHS	43	30.00-68.00	-	43.12
B/S THIGHS	62	95.00-130.00	-	102.58

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RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE

34.00-45.00

38.62

RANGE

TODAY'S AVERAGE

35.00-43.50

38.47

5-DAY AVERAGE

38.87

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light at best as dealers looked to more traditional holiday items and attempted to maintain a close balance on floor stocks. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were adequate to available, bone-in breast were at least adequate to fully adequate. Tenders and b/s thigh meat along with dark meat cuts were available. Wings were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was at best steady for boneless skinless breasts; and about steady to instances weak for most dark meat cuts.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	105-110	103.13	651,080
TENDERLOINS	100	110.05	217,050
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	64.31	192,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	59.86	63,000
LEGS	45-46	44.68	151,780
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	27.55	330,720
DRUMSTICKS	35-36	42.00	96,960
THIGHS	36-35	42.93	61,760
B/S THIGHS	98-99	86.38	125,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	78-79	79.87	206,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.26	23,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.48	18,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.01	28,880

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INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	105-110	102.40	633,480
TENDERLOINS	100	104.48	133,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	70.11	68,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	56.00	27,000
LEGS	45-46	48.34	267,770
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	27.93	293,400
DRUMSTICKS	35-36	38.66	102,280
THIGHS	35-36	43.62	48,960
B/S THIGHS	97-98	106.19	55,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	78-79	81.15	176,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.50	26,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	48.72	15,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.27	14,040

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## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	WTS
11/16 11/15	11/14 11/11	11/14 11/11	11/09 11/07		
Alabama	3,995 4,068	4,039 4,768	5.45 5.37	3,971 5.55	
Arkansas	5,405 5,425	5,220 6,165	5.25 5.08	5,399 5.38	
Delmarva	1,986 2,275	2,082 2,225	5.72 5.63	2,299 5.76	
KY-LA-TN	2,040 2,244	2,210 1,988	5.19 4.85	2,147 5.12	
Mississippi	2,732 2,779	2,745 2,920	5.44 5.46	2,556 5.71	
North Car	2,176 2,566	1,870 2,741	7.09 6.59	2,558 6.93	
Texas	2,510 2,503	2,557 2,537	5.29 5.12	2,591 5.38	
Total	20,844 21,860	20,723 23,344	5.53 5.40	21,521 5.64	
Mon-Wed	64,309(A)			64,893(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Nov-05 is estimated to be 31,185,000 head down 3.43 percent from a week ago and up 7.31 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,294,000, last year 29,060,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	95-107
	DRY PACK	114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100-112
	DRY PACK	118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	90-105
	DRY PACK	109
DUCKS		185-188

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Nov-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/19/05 (1)	11/12/05
THOUSAND HEAD		
Broiler/fryer	166,912 (2)	166,819
Light hens	1,463	1,383
Heavy hens	1,457	1,418
Total	169,832	169,620

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Nov-05 is 162.2 million head compared to 158.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.2 million head or 5.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 26-Nov-05 the estimated available is 160.3 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 11/14/05	64,630	62,719
AM 11/01/05	81,804	63,547
CHG	-17,174	-828
PCT CHG	-21	-1

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/14/05	11/07/05	11/15/04	11/14/05	11/07/05	11/15/04
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	1,824	3,789	8,230	4,910	5,042	7,808
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	57	50	105	2,437	2,330	4,022

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 2005

HENS	RANGE	
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	76-80
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	82-86

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 11/15/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	.85	.73	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	6.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.00	2.25	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	1.50	3.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	1.45	1.25	ROOSTERS ea.	-	2.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.45	1.00	.69	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.10	1.00	.85	RABBITS ea.	1.00	4.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	1.50	2.00	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	64						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending November 11, 2005

	<u>Whole</u>		<u>Legs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u>	<u>Livers/</u>	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>&amp; Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	42.35	105.89	63.53	12.71	8.47	55.06
High	52.94	114.36	72.00	25.41	12.71	55.06
Mostly	50.83	110.12	63.53	16.94	8.47	55.06

**SAN JUAN**

Low	42.35	101.65	55.06	12.71	4.24	59.30
High	57.18	114.36	63.53	21.18	8.47	59.30
Mostly	55.06	105.89	59.30	12.71	4.24	59.30

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	33.88	105.89	59.30	16.94	4.24	55.06
High	59.30	118.59	67.77	21.18	8.47	55.06
Mostly	57.18	114.36	63.53	16.94	4.24	55.06

**BECERRA**

Low	33.88	114.36	67.77	16.94	8.47	63.53
High	59.30	122.83	76.24	21.18	16.94	63.53
Mostly	57.18	114.36	67.77	16.94	12.71	63.53

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally slow mainly due to interest in other items for the upcoming Holiday. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for immediate delivery. Live supplies were moderate to light; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were reduced or curtailed in some instances and were moderate to light overall. Less than trucklot asking prices were irregular, but mostly lower at 60 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, supplies were fully adequate to ample.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE  
NO. OF BOXES

55-75  
(A)  
(A)

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